TRIBAL FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of tribal fish and wildlife management programs across Indian country, focusing on natural research management and new technological advances that enhance the protection of fish, wildlife, and plant resources, after receiving testimony from Bill Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; Olney Patt, Jr., Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, Oregon; Warren Seyler, Upper Columbia United Tribes, Spokane, Washington; D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Ira New Breast, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, Broomfield, Colorado; James E. Zorn, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Odanah, Wisconsin; Millard J. Myers, 1854 Authority, Duluth, Minnesota; Jon C. Cooley, Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission, Lakeside, Arizona; Gordon Jackson, Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau, on behalf of the Southeast Alaska Inter-Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission; and Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, and Tom Harris, Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc., both of Anchorage, Alaska.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded closed hearings on intelligence matters, after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

HUMAN LONGEVITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of human longevity,

focusing on the importance of markets and innovations in the field of aging research, including links between prosperity, health, and life expectancy, improvements in mortality, after receiving testimony from former Representative Newt Gingrich; Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Peter J. Boettke, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and James W. Vaupel, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany.

U.S. DRUG POLICY

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy regarding narcotics in Colombia, focusing on returns on investment, challenges to the policy, building international and regional support, and financial and management challenges that continue to complicate efforts to reduce illicit drug activities, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Simons, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, both of the Department of State; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; Marshall Billingslea, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; General James T. Hill, United States Army, Commander, United Southern Command; Francisco Calderon, Vice President of the Republic of Colombia, Bogota; and Phillip McLean, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2301–2316; 1 private bill, H.R. 2317; and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 202–205 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 2143, to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling (H. Rept. 108–133, Pt. 2); H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, amended (H. Rept. 108–137);

H. Res. 256, providing for consideration of H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system (H. Rept. 108–138); and

H. Res. 257, providing for consideration of H.R. 760, to prohibit the procedure commonly know as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 108–139).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Right Rev. John Clark Buchanan, retired Episcopal Bishop of West Missouri. Page H4794

Recess: The House recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m. Page H4794

Suspensions Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act: S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona (failed to agree by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 230);

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Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act: S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park (failed to agree by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 231); and Pages H4804-06, H4810

Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Indianapolis, Indiana: S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (failed to agree by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 232).

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Suspension—Peace Officers Memorial Day: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 231, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 235). The motion was debated on June 2.

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Prohibiting the Physical Desecration of the Flag: The House passed H.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 234.

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Rejected the Watt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to propose a constitutional amendment providing that, not inconsistent with the first article of amendment to the constitution, the Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag by yea-and-nay vote of 129 yeas to 296 nays, Roll No. 233. Pages H4841-42

H. Res. 255, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4809–10, H4810, H4810–11, H4841–42, H4842–43, and H4843. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Screener Background Investigations. Testimony was heard from James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Steve Benowitz, Associate Director, Product Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Sub-committee on Education Reform held a hearing on H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

"CAN TOBACCO CURE SMOKING?—A REVIEW OF TOBACCO HARM REDUCTION"

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Can Tobacco Cure Smoking?—A Review of Tobacco Harm Reduction." Testimony was heard from Timothy Muris, Chairman, FTC; Vice Adm. Richard H. Carmona, USN, U.S. Surgeon General and Acting Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

METHYL BROMIDE STATUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Status of Methyl Bromide under the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey M. Burnam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; Rodney J. Brown, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

INCREASE ORGAN DONATIONS—ASSESSING INITIATIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled